

# SENATE BILL 784

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By: **Senator Hayes**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Anatomy Board – Claimed Cremated Remains – Provision Without**  
3 **Payment of Costs**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Anatomy Board, under certain circumstances, to  
5 provide certain cremated remains in a certain container to a relative of the decedent  
6 without requiring the relative to pay any costs; and generally relating to cremated  
7 remains held by the State Anatomy Board.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 5–401(a) and (b)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Health – General

15 Section 5–406(d)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Health – General**

21 5–401.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (b) “Board” means the State Anatomy Board.

24 5–406.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(D) THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE THE CREMAINS OF A DECEDENT**  
2 **CREMATED THROUGH THE STATE CREMATION PROCESS IN A SUITABLE CONTAINER**  
3 **TO A RELATIVE OF THE DECEDENT WITHOUT REQUIRING THE RELATIVE TO PAY ANY**  
4 **COSTS IF:**

5                   **(1) THE CREMAINS HAVE NOT BEEN BURIED AT THE STATE BURIAL**  
6 **GROUND; AND**

7                   **(2) THE RELATIVE CAN SHOW HARDSHIP.**

8           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 2021.